

REMARKS

All rejections have been reversed by the Examiner at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and prosecution has been re-opened in this case. Claims 34, 36-55, 57-60 and 62-74 are now pending.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board cited a reference on page 7 of the Decision which the Examiner has found to be "applicable prior art". Based on this reference, a new prior art rejection has been set forth by the Examiner.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, the Jo et al. reference is an intervening reference, published between the filing of the PCT application from which this case derives and the Japanese patent application to which the PCT, and therefore, the present application, claims priority.

Attached herewith is a certified translation of Japanese 2000-43786 along with a statement verifying that the translation is an accurate translation. Accordingly, the priority of the present application is now perfected and Jo et al. is no longer available as a prior art reference.

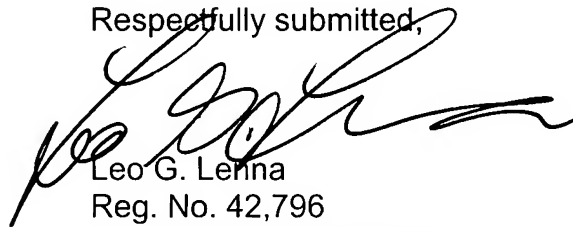
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 34, 36-40, 42-55, 57-60, and 62-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soe et al. (European Patent Application No. 0956869 A2) in view of Jo et al. (Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2000-256958) should be reconsidered and withdrawn. Similarly, it is also requested that the rejection of Claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soe et al. in view of Jo et al. be reconsidered and

withdrawn.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending herein are in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions and/or concerns, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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